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1. Chinese Communists are exploiting mines in territory controlled by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV). Some of the mines currently being worked by Chinese laborers are:

- a. A wolfram mine at Tinh Tuc (105-51;22-39), employing 15,000 workers.¹
- b. A potassium nitrate mine at Cam Duong (104-01; 22-24), employing 15,000 workers.²
- c. An anthracite mine at Tu Vu (105-17; 21-00), employing 7,000 Chinese and Vietnamese workers.

Ore from the above mines is sent directly to Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

2. In late October 1951, the Chinese sent engineers and laborers to exploit the copper mines at Xom Cuc in Nghe An Province and the silver mines of Quang Tri (106-29; 21-02). A small portion of the output is sent to the DRV Armament Bureau under Tran Dai Nghia,³ which is based on Chinese territory near Lung-chou (106-56; 22-22) and the major portion is delivered to the Chinese.

1. [REDACTED] a wolfram mine at Tinh Tuc is being exploited by the Chinese Communists, but indicates that the workers are mostly local inhabitants, not Chinese.

2. [REDACTED] a "trihydrate de phosphore" mine at Cam Duong is being exploited by the Chinese Communists, employing about 10,000 workers who are chiefly inhabitants of the neighboring mountain country.

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the Arms and Artillery Bureau of the DRV General Staff.

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